

Title (en)

LITHIUM COBALT OXIDES AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

Title (de)

LITHIUM KOBALTOXIDE UND VERFAHREN ZUR HERSTELLUNG

Title (fr)

OXYDES DE LITHIUM-COBALT ET LEURS PROCEDES DE PREPARATION

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO0142141A1] The present invention includes lithium cobalt oxides having hexagonal layered crystal structures and methods of making same. The lithium cobalt oxides of the invention have the formula  $\text{Li}_{w}\text{Co}_{1-x}\text{AxO}_{2+y}$  wherein  $0.96 \leq w \leq 1.05$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 0.05$ ,  $-0.02 \leq y \leq 0.02$  and A is one or more dopants. The lithium cobalt oxides of the invention preferably have a position within the principal component space defined by the relationship  $a_{xi} + b_{yi} \leq c$ , wherein  $x_i = i.P_{cl}$ ;  $y_i = S_i.P_{c2}$ ; the vector  $S_i$  is the x-ray spectrum for the  $\text{Li}_{w}\text{Co}_{1-x}\text{AxO}_{2+y}$  compound; the vectors  $P_{cl}$  and  $P_{c2}$  defining the principal component space are determined by measuring the x-ray powder diffraction values  $S_i$  between 15 DEG and 120 DEG using a 0.02 DEG step size and CuK alpha rays for a large sample set of lithium cobalt oxides and using the regression of  $S_i$  of the sample set against the capacity fade after 50 cycles of a lithium coin cell that includes a lithium negative electrode and the lithium cobalt oxide as the positive electrode material and that is cycled between 3.0 and 4.3V at a constant current of C/3 during both charge and discharge cycles; and the values a, b and c are determined by using only the  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  values for  $\text{Li}_{w}\text{Co}_{1-x}\text{AxO}_{2+y}$  compounds in the sample set that have a capacity fade after 50 cycles of less than or equal to 15 %.

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